

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A cross shaft joint tiltably coupling two shaft members to each other, the cross shaft joint comprising:

a cross shaft which includes four shaft portions and is arranged between the two shaft members;

outer ring cups rotatably provided to the four shaft portions, respectively, the outer ring cups being adapted to be coupled to corresponding shaft members; and

an attachment portion to which a balance weight for balancing the outer ring cups can be attached is formed on at least one of the outer ring cups.

Claim 2. (Original) The cross shaft joint according to claim 1, wherein the attachment portion includes an attachment hole having a substantially constant inside diameter, into which a bar-shaped balance weight can be inserted.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The cross shaft joint according to claim 1, wherein

a key groove is formed on an end of one of the shaft members,

the outer ring cup is provided with a key portion protruded in a radial direction corresponding to the key groove, and

a screw hole concaved in a longitudinal direction of the key portion from an inner end of the key portion in the radial direction is formed, and

further comprising the balance weight having a bar shape that is adapted to be inserted into the screw hole and fixed with a plug screwed into the screw hole.

Claim 4. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, further comprising said balance weight attached to the attachment portion.

Claim 5. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein the attachment portion defines an attachment hole in the at least one outer ring cup to which the balance weight is attached.

Claim 6. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 5, wherein the attachment hole radially extends from an inner end surface into the outer ring cup.

Claim 7. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 5, wherein the attachment hole comprises internal threads.

Claim 8. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 7, wherein the balance weight is positioned inside the attachment hole and the balance weight is fixed by a plug screwed into the internal thread.

Claim 9. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 5, further comprising the balance weight positioned within the attachment hole.

Claim 10. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein said balance weight is plate-shaped.

Claim 11. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 4, wherein an outer surface of said balance weight is threaded.

Claim 12. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 5, wherein said attachment portion comprises a square hole.

Claim 13. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, wherein the attachment portion of the at least one of the outer ring cups comprises a longitudinally extending attachment hole.

Claim 14. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 1, wherein the attachment portion comprises an attachment hole in the at least one outer ring cup that is adapted to receive the balance weight pressed into the attachment hole.

Claim 15. (New) A cross shaft joint comprising:  
a cross shaft including four shafts;  
an outer ring cup rotatable on each of the four shafts; and  
a balance weight received by at least one of the outer ring cups.

Claim 16. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 15, wherein the at least one of the outer ring cups comprises an attachment hole that receives the balance weight.

Claim 17. (New) The cross shaft joint of claim 16, wherein the attachment hole extends from an inner end surface into the at least one of the outer ring cups.